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Re: North West Regional Hospitals Masterplan

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF), write regarding the North West Infrastructure and Master Plan document that was presented to the ANMF for consultation on **Friday 9 June 2023**. The ANMF has broadly consulted with members, and we provide the following feedback on their behalf:

Areas that members suggest have not been appropriately considered for inclusion in forward planning.

- Collocated health hubs (general practitioner, physio, pharmacy dental etc) for the public as well as employees
- Onsite childcare – major barrier for return to work from parental leave
- Parents room on paediatric ward
- Will the Mental health precinct be fit for purpose at the proposed site (ECT patients and code response). Mental health assessment space/room in Emergency Department (ED), theatre/DSU space?
- Adolescent mental health inpatient facilities
- Dedicated palliative care unit at North West Regional Hospital (NWRH)
- Dedicated isolation unit for nursing patients during pandemic and or other highly infectious diseases
- Patient discharge lounge

- Staff gym
- Coffee shop
- Parents room on paediatric ward
- Overnight surgical patients at Mersey Community Hospital (MCH)
- Procedure rooms/areas within wards/units for example: day patients in Acute Medical Unit (AMU) for transfusions etc currently have a chair within the ward space or are seen in Oncology Ward, other patients who require nursing clinic type procedures that are not able to be attended by community nursing.

Existing areas that should be considered for refurbishment as a matter of priority

- Mental health assessment space/room in ED
- Storage space for sterile stock/equipment theatre at NWRH and the Renal Unit
- Airconditioning in the wards
- Staff room facilities. E.g., showers, locker rooms, meal rooms.

Potential model of care changes, in terms of service delivery, that will not be supported by the current infrastructure that need to be considered in the master plan

- Patient flow and access to hospital beds broadly
- Increased ability for telehealth
- Aged care services and care of dementia patients.

ANMF members are eager to understand the next stage of the project and the associated consultation process. Members consider it critical that clinical nurse and midwife representation are involved in the next stage of the master planning. Could you please advise what the next stage will be and outline the consultation strategy so that the ANMF can inform members.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the above please contact ANMF North West Organiser [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or Tel: [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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